

## U.S. FUND FOR UNICEF Global Citizenship Fellows Program Frequently Asked Questions

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- 1. What is the definition of a global citizen? A global citizen is someone who understands interconnectedness, respects and values diversity, has the ability to challenge injustice and inequities and takes action in a way that is personally meaningful.
- 2. What is the U.S. Fund for UNICEF? The U.S. Fund for UNICEF supports UNICEF's work through fundraising, advocacy and education within the United States.
- 3. What is UNICEF? The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) works in 190 countries and territories to put children first—since 1946. UNICEF has helped save more children's lives than any other humanitarian organization, by providing health care and immunizations, clean water and sanitation, nutrition, education, emergency relief and more.
- 4. What is the Global Citizenship Fellowship? The U.S. Fund for UNICEF Global Citizenship Fellowship is a highly competitive, full-time, two-year program that prepares diverse, committed, and globally minded individuals for effective leadership in public service. Global Citizenship Fellows are grassroots spokespeople for the U.S. Fund for UNICEF who bring together networks of volunteers, faith-based communities, schools, universities, advocates, elected leaders, and others to work towards educating, advocating, and fundraising for UNICEF's work in supporting children and families in more than 190 countries and territories.
- 5. What are the applicant eligibility requirements to become a fellow? A successful candidate must have a bachelor's degree, and demonstrate interest in and knowledge of children's rights and international issues, as well as a commitment to public service. The ideal fellow will be a resourceful and energetic self-starter with the ability to manage multiple priorities and work autonomously. The fellow must have a passion for inspiring others and experience in community mobilization and organizing.
- 6. I am currently a full-time student. Could I apply for the fellowship? The fellowship is a full-time role with some evening and weekend commitments. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree by the time the program begins in mid-July 2017.
- 7. Is it a requirement to have a master's degree to apply for the fellowship? No, there is no requirement to have a master's degree but some Fellows do have advanced degrees.
- 8. How long is the fellowship? The Fellowship is a full-time approximately two-year program beginning in July 10, 2017 and ends on July 26, 2019.



9. Where do the fellows work? Global Citizenship Fellows work with the US Fund for UNICEF in 12 locations including the national office in New York, and regional offices in Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. and remote offices in Miami, Nashville and Seattle.

Each city hosts one Community Engagement Fellow; in the U.S. Fund for UNICEF's headquarters 6 Global Citizenship Fellows support national programs including End Trafficking, High School Clubs, Campus Initiatives, UNICEF's Next Generation and Advocacy along with one NYC Community Engagement Fellow.

Candidates in Miami, Nashville and Seattle will work remotely from home and will be expected to provide the following:

- Must have own, reliable PC or Mac
- Must have reliable internet connection
- Must have reliable smart phone and service provider
- Must have access to a vehicle
- 10. How is the program funded? The Global Citizenship Fellowship is a grant-funded program and an integral element in the U.S. Fund for UNICEF's strategic plan.
- 11. If I apply for one fellowship, will I automatically be considered for others? No, you must apply to each fellowship separately. We advise candidates only apply to Community Engagement Fellowship cities where they have on-the-ground living and working experience given the nature of the role.
- 12. Is the fellowship only for US Citizens/ Permanent Residents? Applicants must possess current and valid U.S. Work Authorization and be eligible to work for any U.S. employer without sponsorship.
- 13. How much is each Fellow's stipend? Does the fellowship provide medical and dental coverage? Fellows will receive a taxable stipend of \$38,000 during the first year of the fellowship and \$40,000 during the second year. Fellows are also eligible to enroll in the U.S. Fund for UNICEF's medical and dental plans after thirty (30) days of employment.



- 14. What types of professional development opportunities are offered? In addition to continuous coaching from the Leadership team, the Global Citizenship Fellowship provides ongoing professional development sessions on topics selected by the class, membership in a local Toastmaster's Club, and a pairing program where Fellows are matched with a USF colleague. In addition, each Fellow has a local budget to support approved professional development opportunities including memberships in local coalitions and conference attendance.
- 15. Is there travel required during the fellowship? Yes, local travel is part of the day-to-day responsibilities in each city. Travel to NYC headquarters is required at least twice, once for orientation in July and again for mid-year retreat in January. Other travel opportunities may arise and are addressed in a case by case basis. There is no international travel in this Fellowship role, but second-year Fellows have the opportunity to apply for short-term secondment.
- 16. What is an ideal candidate? The successful candidate must have a demonstrated interest in and knowledge of children's rights and international issues, familiarity with experiential learning techniques, general volunteer management experience, as well as a commitment to public service. The ideal fellow will be a resourceful and energetic self-starter with the ability to manage multiple priorities and work autonomously. Candidate must be a team player who embraces the mission of UNICEF and the USF, and is highly motivated and enthusiastic.
- 17. Do I need to speak a second language? There is no requirement to speak a second language, but in some cities a second language is a plus.
- 18. Is there an opportunity to renew the fellowship after the first contract? Fellows are able to complete two years of the Fellowship which would be one contract starting in July 2017...
- 19. What are the types of fellowships offered? There are two types of fellowships offered at USF—Community Engagement Fellowship (12) and Program Engagement Fellowship (6). Community Engagement Fellows lead local outreach, partnership development, and grassroots program implementation for our domestic initiatives: Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF, UNICEF High School clubs, UNICEF Campus Initiative, End Trafficking, UNICEF Next Generation, advocacy initiatives, and other community mobilization activities.

Program Engagement Fellows serve as national program leads in NYC for key USF initiatives, including the below:

- End Trafficking Fellow
- Next Generation Fellow
- Campus Initiative Fellow



- High School Club Fellow
- Advocacy and Engagement Fellow
- 20. How do I apply to the Global Citizenship Fellows Program? We encourage qualified candidates to <u>apply</u> to be a Global Citizenship Fellow on the U.S. Fund for UNICEF career portal by Monday, February 20, 2017. For further information, please email <u>globalcitizenship@unicefusa.org</u> or explore resources on the GCF website including newsletters, Fellow blogs, bios and more.
  - All interested applicants are invited to attend one of two upcoming Global Citizenship Fellowship Webinar Info Sessions. These sessions will provide insights on the Global Citizenship Fellowship roles, the application process, answers to your questions, and the opportunity to hear from current Fellows. Register here! Call-in details will be sent to registered participants.
- 21. Who can I contact for more information? Please email us at <a href="mailto:globalcitizenship@unicefusa.org">globalcitizenship@unicefusa.org</a>. A member of the Global Citizenship Fellowship will respond to your inquiry. Also, <a href="mailto:register here!">register here!</a> for one of two GCF Information Sessions Wednesday, February 1 at 1pm EST / 12pm CST / 10am PST OR Tuesday, February 7 at 7pm EST / 6pm CST / 4pm PST.
- 22. Can I speak to a current Fellow directly? Due to the number of inquiries Fellows receive, please join one of our Global Citizenship Fellowship information sessions or send questions to globalcitizenship@unicefusa.org
- 23. I applied to the Fellowship. When will I hear back? Due to the high volume of applications received, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.